

## **The Oath of Hippocrates**

*I do solemnly affirm, as did the ancient Greeks, by all that I hold most sacred that, according to my ability and judgment I will keep this oath and its stipulations.*

*I hold my teachers in this art are equal to my own parents and extend to them the respect and gratitude which is their due.*

*I will by precept, lecture and every other mode of instruction impart a knowledge of the art to my progeny and those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by covenant and oath according to the law of medicine.*

*I will follow that system of treatment which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous.*

*I will exercise my art solely for cure of my patients and the prevention of disease and will give no drugs and perform no operations for a criminal purpose nor far less suggest such a thing.*

*With honor and dignity I will practice my profession not permitting consideration of religion, nationality, race or social standing to intervene between duty and my patient.*

*Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will hold myself aloof from every voluntary act of wrongdoing or corruption.*

*Whatever I may see or hear in the lives of others which ought not be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, reckoning that such should be kept secret.*

*While I continue to keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all people in all times. But should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.*